

ARLINGTON COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Minutes—Meeting of February 24, 2016

Attendees - Members: Angela Olszewski, Bob Radochia, Sharon Shaloo, Kirsie Allison-Ampe, Tom Davison, Billy Lyons, Ted Peluso

Attendees – Guests: Ted Fields, Barbara Goodman, Alan Jones

1- Meeting was called to order – 7:03PM

2- Minutes of January 20, 2016 meeting were accepted.

3- Discussed Special Recognition for Roly Chaput and naming opportunities. ATED members talked about how special Roly was as an individual and Town activist. Sharon will follow up with Joe Curro on commemorative naming process. She also suggested we speak with Roly's family about it.

4- Ted Fields reviewed latest economic initiatives including; new Workbar facilities, new business opportunities, vacant storefronts, future planning, and an informal business group under development in the Heights.

5- Tom Davison was appointed as ATED's Treasurer.

6- Activities discussed:

(a) Status of Patriots Day Parade and Re-enactment at Jason Russell House.

(b) Town Hall event – greeting Paul Revere and William Dawes re-enactors.

(c) Bob Radochia constructed a model of the Visitors Center which will be displayed in the Patriots Day Parade.

(d) Possible handouts by ATED on Parade Day. Sharon is addressing this.

(e) Agreed to join in a proposal that as a memorial to Roly Chaput, he be designated Honorary Grand Marshall of the Parade

7- ATED's budget request status was addressed along with meetings with the Finance Committee and the Town Manager. Alan Jones covered his analysis of another approach to establishing an economic development and tourism website which eliminates the need for Town funds. The Committee endorsed his approach. ATED is to go back to the Finance Committee with a revised budget request.

8- Committee membership discussion was tabled

9- There is a need for an additional ATED member to serve on the Byway Commission. Sharon volunteered to fill the position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.